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Admiral Stansfield Turner, DCI

A combination of delightful spring weather, the beauty of Kenwood Country Club, and 400 enthusiastic CIRA members resulted in what most members felt was our most successful luncheon to date. Our thanks to Rocky Stone, who as a Kenwood Country Club member had the doors opened to us.

There were quite a few visitors from out of town and some of our most illustrious alumni present as you can see by the pictures in this issue.

Admiral Stansfield Turner, the newly appointed Director of Central Intelligence, addressed CIRA members at their 1 April luncheon meeting at the Kenwood Country Club.

Lauding the competence, dedication, and surprisingly high morale he has found at CIA, Admiral Turner then shared several observations about the Agency and the Intelligence Community. After noting that many of the difficulties the

Agency has experienced over the past two years or so are subsiding, he said that acknowledgment is growing within the Administration, the Congress, and certainly the public, that the United States must have a strong Intelligence Community, with CIA as its central core.

Admiral Turner was well received and his presence and grasp of things given high marks by those who attended the luncheon.

CHANGE IN BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

After the luncheon, based on names received from members as requested in the last newsletter, Tom Karamessines, Bronson Tweedy and Lawrence White were replaced as Board members by Elizabeth Dunlevy, Chris Freer and Howard Osborn. R. Jack Smith was unanimously chosen as Chairman of the Board and Chris Freer as Vice Chairman. The officers selected - Al Ginder replacing Bob Gaynor as president, Paul Borel replacing Bill Vance as vice-president, Keith Reid replacing Al Ginder as secretary-treasurer, and Edith Hunter replacing Mary Lewis as corresponding secretary.

Those departing Board members and officers have served since the beginning of CIRA and have contributed greatly to its success.

Item of Interest!

Our esteemed President and Editor is recuperating nicely from a successful operation to replace a hip joint. He should be out of Walter Reed Hospital by the time this is published.

PERSONAL ITEMS

I received just two pictures from my appeal to have members send me a photo of themselves in their garden, on their boat, on the golf course or whatever. I hope they set a trend and thank you Dick and Tex.

The health and happiness expressed by Dick and Joan Linthicum as they explore their back yard is an ad for those "Golden Years." Dick and Joan explored the West Coast recently driving back from there with the Lou Spaeths who also live in the Washington area.

He expressed the strong view that controls on sensitive information, particularly sources and methods of clandestine intelligence collection, must be tightened. To this end, he will push to declassify (or not classify) non-sensitive information that should be available to the public. Classification and security controls should be limited to those materials and information that genuinely require them. Restrict the number of people who have access to really sensitive materials and use available laws, and seek new ones as advisable, to get criminal action against persons responsible for deliberately exposing sensitive materials.

A most important measure is that he will seek means of obtaining civil penalties against persons who deliberately expose sensitive materials, in order to discourage such actions.

Admiral Turner commented on current and prospective relations with Congress, the outlook for next year's budget, and noted that a thorough review of the Community's organizational structure is in progress.

In response to questions from the floor, he stated that not only were there excellent opportunities for young officers in CIA, but he was pleased with the quality and quantity of candidates seeking employment. He also talked about the "Team A - Team B" approach in developing national estimates which he does not favor, though he believes very firmly that estimates should be prepared by people with diverse opinions who feel perfectly free to express them.

The status of the review of CIA's organizational structure which he felt was well on its way with changes bound to be made in the priority of roles and missions of the Agency. (Editor - Recent articles in newspapers indicate opposition by Defense Department to structural changes in the intelligence community.)